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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is my understanding that AT&T and USTelecom are petitioning the FCC to take away access to unbundled network elements. This would make it so small internet service providers would not be able to compete in the market.

I'm a long time customer of Sonic.net for my internet needs. They are a small Internet Service Provider in the Bay Area. I moved to Sonic in the late 1990s from AT&T because AT&T was forcing me to buy an expensive package because I have specific technical needs. Sonic was willing to address my needs at a reasonable price. Once I moved to Sonic I found their customer service far superior. I think AT&T and Comcast are not really in the business of helping their customers. They are in the business of making it hard for them to leave their service. I'm grateful that I have other options to choose from.

I'm a software engineer. I work remote and I'm dependent on quality internet access. I have been using DSL with Sonic since the late 1990s. I have reevaluated my options from time to time. Each time I have made changes I felt Sonic did a better job of providing what I needed. I was thrilled when I learned that Sonic would be providing Fiber in my area. I migrated as soon as the option became available. This is what competition is about. They provide a better product than Comcast or AT&T. They provide better support.

I think this competition is good for the customers. I fear the big players will find a way to shut them down. Force me to use their inferior service and charge me more. Please make sure that this does not happen. We DO NOT want two oligopolies controlling the market.

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